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Amendment A, cont'd

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(1) is connected to said base portion such that the edge of said base portion is joined to the edge of said head-support portion, with said head-support portion extending far enough outward from a seat back and said base portion such that said head-support portion will provide sufficient lateral support to prevent lateral bending of a person's neck or the rolling forward of his or her head beyorld said head-support portion, and

(2) receives said user's head on the surface opposite from said base portion such that the back of said user's head is in direct contact with said seat back and not in contact with said base portion.

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12. A headrest according to claim 11 wherein:

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said head-support portion additionally comprises a convex cushioning portion, on said surface opposite from said base portion, containing a deformable and resilient filler material, whereby said convex cushioning portion accommodates a variety of angles and positions relative to the face, head, and neck of the user.

A headrest according to claim 11 additionaly comprising:

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a means for wrapping around said back of a seat back comprising two straps, the two ends of said straps being attachable together with a length-adjustable buckle.

14. A headrest according to claim 11 wherein:

> said head-support portion is engaged with said base portion with a hinged joint, said hinged joint being releasably locked at a chosen angle defined by the plane of said seat back and the plane of said head-support portion whereby said user may collapse said headrest into a smaller size for convenience in portability, and whereby said user may chose various such angles for positioning said head-support portion against said user's face, head, and neck.

A headrest according to claim 11 wherein: 15. said head-support portion is engaged with said base portion in a pivoting means such that the head-support portion may pivot to various angles perpendicular to the plane of said seat back whereby the user may chose

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various such angles for positioning said head-support portion against the user's face, head, and neck.

16. A headrest according to claim 11 wherein:

said head-support portion is engaged with said base portion at a substantially right angle.

17. A headrest according to claim 11 wherein: said head-support portion and said base portion are included within a single inflatable structure.

A portable headrest for use with and for detachably engaging the seat back of a chair, comprising:

- a. an inflatable structure forming, when inflated, a rigid base portion to rest against said seat back, said base portion having means for wrapping around the back of said seat back thereby releasably and securely holding said base portion against said seat back, and
- b. a rigid head-support portion which/extends far enough outward from said seat back such that said head-support portion will provide sufficient lateral support to prevent lateral bending of a person's neck or the rolling forward of his or her head beyond the extending dimension of said head-support portion, said head-support portion comprising a head-support surface opposite said rigid base portion such that the user's may rest laterally on the head-support surface and dorsally directly against said seat back.
 - 19. A headrest according to claim 18 wherein:
 said inflatable structure comprises a substantially tear-drop shape.

A headrest according to claim 18 wherein:

said inflatable structure comprises a strap loop surrounding a strap and a slide-back stopper attached thereto, having such a shape as to prevent movement of said strap loop along said strap beyond said slide-back stopper, arranged such that said strap loop the weight of said user's head will exert a force such that

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